

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1677 - HB 1553

March 24, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities to investigate allegations made against a hospital about unreasonably detaining emergency ambulances and preventing emergency personnel from completing their duties. The Board may suspend the hospital's license or take other disciplinary action if it finds that the evidence against the hospital is persuasive.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

There may be a small increase in complaints to the Department of Health but, since the department already investigates these complaints, the increase in state expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director